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On behalf of the Nordic Countries

I have the honour to take the floor on behalf of the Nordic countries, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Sweden and my country, Norway.

The Nordic countries once again commend the International Law Commission and the Special Rapporteur Mr John Dugard for the work that led to the draft articles on diplomatic protection.

We, the Nordic countries, have a general satisfaction of the draft articles elaborated by the Commission on the right to diplomatic protection. In our view, the draft articles contribute to general international law.

We note that the Secretary-General has held consultations between Member States on the draft articles, including the question of their final form. The Nordic countries stand ready to contribute to the work of the Commission on the draft articles and to ensure their position as a source of the right to diplomatic protection.

Bearing in mind the current situation, we are concerned that attempts at this point might risk opening up a debate on the contributions of the draft articles.

We therefore, at this juncture, recommend that the draft articles be taken into consideration as a whole.

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